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CONFERRING U.S. CITIZENSHIP POSTHUMOUSLY UPON LANCE CPL. FRANK J. KREC

AUGUST 12 (legislative day, AUGUST 11), 1970.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 13265]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 13265) to confer U.S. citizenship posthumously upon Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to confer U.S. citizenship posthumously upon Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec was born in Italy on December 17, 1943, and was lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence on December 23, 1958. His mother was lawfully admitted for permanent residence in 1947, and his stepfather is a U.S. citizen. The beneficiary enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on September 6, 1966, and served honorably until his death in Vietnam on March 2, 1968.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 18, 1968, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to H.R. 18514, which was a similar bill pending in the 90th Congress, reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., September 18, 1968.

A-11468721.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 18514) for the relief of Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the Buffalo, N.Y., office of this service, which has custody of those files.

The bill provides that the beneficiary shall be held and considered to have been a citizen of the United States at the time of his death.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,
Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 18514

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turner, the stepfather and mother of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec, a native of Italy and citizen of Yugoslavia, was born on December 17, 1943. He was admitted to the United States for permanent residence on December 23, 1958. The beneficiary was single and attended high school in Williamson, N.Y., prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps on September 6, 1966. He was killed in combat in Vietnam on March 2, 1968.

Mrs. Bozena Turner, a native and citizen of Yugoslavia, was admitted to the United States for permanent residence on January 5, 1947. She is employed as a part-time waitress. Mr. Joseph Turner, a native-born citizen of the United States, owns and operates a gas station. They reside in Williamson, N.Y., with their three U.S. citizen daughters. Their native-born son is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Congressman Frank Horton, the author of the bill, addressed the following letter in support of the bill to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., July 14, 1970.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: It was a pleasure for me to introduce H.R. 13265 in behalf of the late Lance Cpl. Frank J. Krec and to see it through the House.

Before this young man was killed in Vietnam one of his greatest ambitions was to become an American citizen. I am enclosing a copy of a recent article which appeared in The Times-Union.

Anything you can do to assure passage of this bill in the Senate in the near future will be greatly appreciated. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
Sincerely,

FRANK HORTON.

(The article referred to in the above letter is contained in the files of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.)

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 13265) should be enacted.

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